(b) the names of these officials, the date of suspension, charges against them and the present stage of each case;

(c) against how many of these officials the probe is going on presently;

(d) whether Government are aware that some of these top officials patronise criminals of pecuniary benefits; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to weed out men of doubtful integrity from service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (c) The Officers belonging to Indian Administrative Service serve both at the Centre and in the States. While serving in the States, they are Primarily responsible to the State Governments. The State Governments are fully competent to place these officers under suspension and to initiate departmental proceedings against them. Such individual cases are not monitored in this Department on a regular basis. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions (Department of Personnel & Training) has placed one Member of the IAS under suspension on 6.5.1992 during the period of last 3 years as investigations were initiated against him by the Central Bureau of Investigation on criminal charges of corruption. This case is pending trial in the Court of Law. The Ministry of Home Affairs as the Cadre Controlling Authority in respect of Indian Police Service Officers has informed us that one IPS Officer was suspended w.e.f. 19.2.1992 on account of a case registered against him by the CBI under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

(d) In respect of IAS Officers no instance of the top officials patronising criminals for pecuniary benefits has so far been brought to the notice of this Ministry. As regards IPS Officers, Ministry of Home Affairs have informed us that whenever any such case comes to the notice of the Government, the matter is looked into and appropriate action taken.

(e) There are provisions in the Rules framed under the All India Services Act which enable the competent authority to appropriately deal with the officers of doubtful integrity and action is taken as and when considered necessary.

Default by Companies in payment under fixed deposit scheme

2437. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many complaints were received by Government from the aggrieved public against companies which lure public with fixed deposit schemes and then default on payment of interest/ refund of deposit on maturity;

(b) whether Government will make it mandatory for companies to mention in the advertisement declaring that the deposits will be considered unsecured liabilities, in bold letters, in a separate box beneath the schedule of interests; and

(c) the names of companies which have not paid interest for more than three years and have not refunded the deposits on maturity as on date and what action is proposed to be taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) According to available information, about 3,700 individual complaints have been received during the year 1994, in the Offices of Company Law Board, Regional Directors, Registrar of Companies and

(Acceptance of Deposits) Rules, 1975 which requires a declaration to the effect:

> 'That the deposits accepted by the company (other than secured deposits, if any, accepted under the

the Department of Company Affairs for the default on payment of interest/refund of deposit on maturity.

(b) There is already a provision in the form and particulars of advertisements under Rule 4(2) (k) of the Companies provisions of these Rules, the aggregate amount of which may be indicated) are unsecured and ranking pari-passu with other unsecured liabilities.'

(c) Details of periodwise delay in payment of interest on fixed deposits are not maintained. However, during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94, 51 prosecutions under section 58A (10) have been filed against 32 companies, the list of which is given in the statement attached.

Total Number of Prosecutions filed under Section 58-A of the Companies Act, 1956 during 1992-93 & 1993-94

S. No.	Name of the Company	No. of Cases
1.	M/s. ABC Laminart Limited	1
2.	M/s. Ambalal Sarabhai Ent. Limited	1
3.	M/s. Ambica Mills Limited	2
4.	M/s. Ahmedabad Calico Mfg. Co. Ltd.	1
5.	M/s. Ami Cosmo Ltd.	1
6.	M/s. Alternative Energy Industries Ltd.	1
7.	M/s. Andhra Cements Ltd.	2
8.	M/s. Bharat Plywood & Timber Products Ltd.	5
9.	M/s. Central Pulp Mills Ltd.	2
10.	M/s. Foremost Industries (India) Ltd.	1
11.	M/s. Genelec Ltd.	1
12.	M/s. Hoist-O-Mech Ltd.	2
13.	M/s. Indodan Industries Ltd.	1
14.	M/s. Kohinoor Paper Distributors Pvt.Ltd.	2
15.	M/s. Khandelwal Herrmann Electronics Ltd.	1
16.	M/s. K. Ramanlal & Co. Pvt. Ltd.	1
17.	M/s. Kalyan Solvent Extraction Ltd.	4
18.	M/s. Mehul Textile Ind. Pvt. Ltd.	1
19.	M/s. Nirlon Ltd.	1
20.	M/s. Nayan Textile Industries Pvt. Ltd.	1
21.	M/s. New Wave Hotel	1
22.	M/s. Orson Electronics Ltd.	1
23.	M/s. PLA Surgicals & Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd.	2
24.	M/s. Pentagoan Stainless Steel Castings & Alloys Pvt. Ltd.	1
25.	M/s. Raibow Industries Ltd.	1
26.	M/s. Scil India Ltd.	1
27.	M/s. SLM Meneklal Ind. Ltd.	6
28.	M/s. Swastik Seeds Co. Ltd.	1
29.	M/s. Venus Paper Mills Ltd.	1
30.	M/s. Vardhman Solvent Extraction Ltd.	1

S. No.	Name of the Company	No. of Cases
31.	M/s. WIE Engg. Ltd.	2
32.	M/s. Zenith Ltd.	1
	Total :	51

District Industry Centres in U.P.

2438. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of those districts in Uttar Pradesh where district industry centres have not been set up so far and the reasons therefor;

(b) the steps being taken to set up a district industry centre in each district in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the time by when district industry centres would be set up in all the districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) In Uttar Pradesh, orders have been recently issued to set up District Industries Centres in the newly created districts of Padrauna, Bhadohi and Mahoba by the Uttar Pradesh Government. All districts of Uttar Pradesh shall now be covered by District Industries Centres.

Law on Child Adoption

2439. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Muslim Law does not permit a childless couple to adopt a child;

(b) whether the Supreme Court had, in 1974, directed the Central Government to enact a law on child adoption;

(c) when Government had introduced a Bill in Parliament to this effect; and

(d) what is the progress made in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFARIS (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such direction was issued by the Supreme Court in 1974.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Members from Karnataka Tobacco Sector in the Expert Committee on Tobacco

2440. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of members representing Karnataka tobacco sector in the newly formed Expert Committee on Tobacco by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;

(b) the names of all representatives representing the beedi sector from Karnataka in the above Expert Committee on Tobacco;

(c) the total number of members representing all interest; and

(d) the number of people directly representing the Ministry of Health?